AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1-25 (Canceled)

26. (Currently Amended) A housing for connecting a portable smart device to a terminal device, comprising:

~~an opening that defines~~ structure defining a functional position for communicating with the smart device when the smart device is ~~received in~~ located at said ~~opening~~ functional position;

~~a first~~ connecting means for connecting with said smart device when the smart device is located at said functional position, so as to **[[**send**]]** receive data **[[**to**]]** from said ~~smart~~ terminal device; and

~~a second connecting means for receiving data from said terminal device; and~~

a transparent or translucent portion for allowing at least a portion of said smart device to be visible therethrough when said smart device is located at said functional position and connected to said **[[**first**]]** connecting means.

27. (Currently Amended) The housing of Claim 26, further comprising at least one electronic component for interfacing between said smart device and said terminal device, said **[[**first**]]** connecting means and said at least one electronic component forming a component set.

28. (Currently Amended) The housing of Claim 27, wherein said smart device comprises a smart card, and said ~~functional position~~ structure comprises a pair of longitudinal slides.

29. (Previously Presented) The housing of Claim 28, further comprising a pair of arms respectively connecting said pair of longitudinal slides to said component set.

30. (Previously Presented) The housing of Claim 29, wherein said pair of arms cooperate to form a V shape.

31. (Previously Presented) The housing of Claim 26, wherein said transparent or translucent portion comprises a molded plastic material.

32. (Currently Amended) A housing for connecting ~~a chip~~ an electronic card having opposed top and bottom faces to a terminal device, comprising:

~~an opening that defines~~ structure defining a functional position for communicating with the card when the card is ~~received in~~ located at said ~~opening~~ functional position;

an input connecting means for connecting with said card when the card is located at said functional position, so as to receive data from said card;

an output connecting means for transmitting data to said terminal device; and

a transparent or translucent portion for allowing at least a portion of said opposed top face of said card and at least a portion of said opposed bottom face of said card to be visible through said transparent or translucent portion when said card is located at said functional position and connected to said input connecting means.

33. (Previously Presented) The housing of Claim 32, further comprising at least one electronic component for interfacing between said card and said terminal device, said input connecting means and said at least one electronic component forming a component set.

34. (Previously Presented) The housing of Claim 33, wherein said functional position comprises a pair of longitudinal slides.

35. (Previously Presented) The housing of Claim 34, further comprising a pair of arms respectively connecting said pair of longitudinal slides to said component set.

36. (Previously Presented) The housing of Claim 35, wherein said pair of arms cooperate to form a V shape.

37. (Previously Presented) The housing of Claim 32, wherein said transparent or translucent portion comprises a molded plastic material.

38. (Currently Amended) A housing for establishing a communication link between ~~a chip~~ an electronic card and an external terminal device, comprising:

structure defining a functional position for receiving the **[[**chip**]]** card so as to establish a two-way communication link between the **[[**chip**]]** card and the external terminal device; and

a part at least partially covering said ~~functional position~~ structure, wherein said part comprises a transparent or translucent material.

39. (Currently Amended) The housing of Claim 38, wherein said ~~functional position~~ structure comprises an internal electrical connector.

40. (Previously Presented) The housing of Claim 38, further comprising connection means for establishing the two-way communication link with the external terminal device.

41. (Currently Amended) A housing for connecting a portable smart device having opposed top and bottom faces, comprising:

~~an opening that defines~~ structure defining a functional position for communicating with the smart device when the smart device is ~~received in~~ located at said ~~opening~~ functional position;

a connecting means for connecting with said smart device when the smart device is located at said functional position, so as to send data to said smart device; and

a transparent or translucent portion for allowing at least a portion of said opposed top face of said smart device and at least a portion of said opposed bottom face of said smart device to be visible ~~therethrough~~ through said transparent or translucent portion when said smart device is located at said functional position and connected to said connecting means.

42. (New) The housing of Claim 26, wherein the transparent or translucent portion allows at least a portion of an opposed top face of said smart device and at least a portion of an opposed bottom face of said smart device to be visible through said transparent or translucent portion when said card is located at said functional position and connected to said connecting means.

43. (New) The housing of Claim 38, wherein the transparent or translucent portion allows at least a portion of an opposed top face of said electronic card and at least a portion of an opposed bottom face of said electronic card to be visible through said transparent or translucent portion when said card is located at said functional position.

44. (New) The housing of Claim 26, wherein the housing includes two transparent or translucent faces and is transparent or translucent through the thickness of the housing and above the functional position so that the functional position is visible through the thickness of the housing.

45. (New) The housing of Claim 32, wherein the housing includes two transparent or translucent faces and is transparent or translucent through the thickness of the housing and above the functional position so that the functional position is visible through the thickness of the housing.

46. (New) The housing of Claim 38, wherein the housing includes two transparent or translucent faces and is transparent or translucent through the thickness of the housing and above the functional position so that the functional position is visible through the thickness of the housing.

47. (New) The housing of Claim 41, wherein the housing includes two transparent or translucent faces and is transparent or translucent through the thickness of the housing and above the functional position so that the functional position is visible through the thickness of the housing.